

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-25 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 7, 9, 13-15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 are allowed, and claims 5 and 11 contain allowable subject matter.

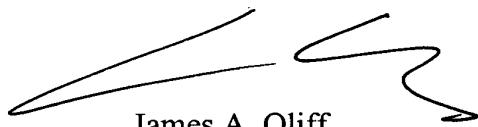
By this Amendment, all rejected independent claims 1, 18, 24 and 25 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 5 to place this application in condition for allowance. Claim 5 is canceled.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the April 2, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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